

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 TEGUCI 03049 162114Z

73

ACTION ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-02 INR-07 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-15 CU-04

AID-05 /075 W

----- 081964

P R 162017Z JUL 75

FM AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 0638

INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

USCINCSO

UNCLAS TEGUCIGALPA 3049

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, HO

SUBJ: GOVERNMENT COMMUNIQUE AND STUDENT DEMONSTRATION

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 3030

1. A GOVERNMENT COMMUNIQUE DATED JULY 15 CONTAINED
THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) THE HIGH LEVEL COMMISSION REVEALED NEW DETAILS
ABOUT INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE MURDERED ON THE RANCH OF
MANUEL ZELAYA IN THE AREA OF LEPAGUARE IN OLANCHO;

(B) THE BODIES WERE THROWN INTO A WELL 46 METERS
DEEP WHICH WAS LATER DYNAMITED AND THE SURFACE SMOOTHED
BY A TRACTOR;

(C) THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACT TRIED TO
COVER THE AREA WITH GRASS IN ORDER TO CONCEAL ITS
LOCATION;

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 TEGUCI 03049 162114Z

(D) MEN AND MACHINERY HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR 4 DAYS

TO REMOVE DIRT AND HAVE REACHED A DEPTH OF 15 METERS;

(E) MANUEL ZELAYA HAS ADMITTED THAT HE IN COMPANY WITH OTHERS HAD GIVEN A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF MONEY TO "A NOTED HONDURAN JOURNALIST" WHO APPARENTLY INTENDED TO CARRY OUT A PRESS CAMPAIGN TO DISTRACT ATTENTION FROM THE OLANCHO INCIDENT OR TO DISTORT WHAT HAD HAPPENED;

(F) FATHER BETANCOURT'S BURNED CAR WAS LOCATED ON JULY 13 AND IT WAS DETERMINED THAT IT HAD BEEN INTENTIONALLY DESTROYED;

(G) VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL REPORTS ABOUT THE INCIDENTS IN OLANCHO HAVE DIRECTLY ACCUSED THE ARMY AND THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF CARRYING OUT THE CRIMINAL ACTS THAT ALL DEPLORE;

(H) THIS WORLD WIDE CAMPAIGN TO DAMAGE HONDURAS' DIGNITY HAS INTENTIONALLY IGNORED THE EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT TO INVESTIGATE AND CLARIFY THE SITUATION; AND

(I) THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT AND THE ARMED FORCES DEPLORE THE CAMPAIGN AND REITERATE TO NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION THEIR DETERMINATION TO ESTABLISH THE TRUTH OF WHAT TOOK PLACE.

2. A DEMONSTRATION OF STUDENTS AND LABOR UNIONS WAS HELD ON JULY 15. THE MAJORITY OF THE ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED ARE CONTROLLED BY THE COMMUNISTS. SEVERAL HUNDRED PEOPLE MARCHED THROUGH THE STREETS TO A PARK NEAR THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE TO LISTEN TO A NUMBER OF SPEECHES. THE THRUST OF THE SPEECHES WAS A CONDEMNATION OF THE OLANCHO KILLINGS AND A CALL FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO PUNISH THOSE GUILTY OF THE CRIMES.
SANCHEZ

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MURDER, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, COMMUNIQUE, MISSING PERSONS, STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 16 JUL 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975TEGUCI03049
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750246-0066
From: TEGUCIGALPA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750749/aaaabrue.tel
Line Count: 98
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 TEGUCIGALPA 3030
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ShawDG
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05 JUN 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <05 JUN 2003 by ThomasVJ>; APPROVED <22 MAR 2004 by ShawDG>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: GOVERNMENT COMMUNIQUE AND STUDENT DEMONSTRATION
TAGS: PINT, HO
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006